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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 173/2025/Taxes. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26th October, 2025*
9th Thulam, 1201.

S. R. O. No. 1242/2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 18A and 29 of the Abkari Act, I of 1077, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002 issued under G. O. (P) No. 24/2002/TD dated 30th March, 2002 and published as S. R. O. No. 198/2022 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 376 dated 30th March, 2002, namely:—

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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the rules*.—In the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002,—

(1) Wherever the words and figure "or a Foreign Liquor-1 shop" and the words "or foreign liquor" occurs, it shall be omitted;

(2) in Chapter I, clause (k) shall be omitted;

(3) in Chapter II, in rule 3, sub-rules (2), (3), (4), (6) and (7) shall be omitted;

(4) in Chapter III, in rule 4, sub-rules (4) and (5) shall be omitted;

(5) Chapter V shall be deleted;

(6) in Chapter VI, in rule 7,—

(i) in sub-rule (2), "and no Foreign Liquor-1 shop shall be located within 200 meters" shall be omitted;

(ii) in sub-rule (4), the words "or foreign liquor as the case may be" shall be omitted;

(iii) in sub-rule (8), for the figure "18" the figure "23" shall be substituted;

(iv) in sub-rule (10), for the second sentence, the following sentence shall be substituted, namely:—

"But no toddy shops shall remain open earlier than 8 am or later than 10 pm except in special occasions like fairs and festivals.";

(v) in sub-rule (13), in clause (c), in item (ii), for the figure "21" the figure "23" shall be substituted;

(vi) in sub-rule (17), the proviso shall be omitted;

(vii) in sub-rule (21), the second sentence shall be omitted;

(viii) in sub-rule (26), the third and remaining sentence shall be omitted;

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(ix) in sub-rule (35), for the words, symbol and figure "Excise Inspectors in the case of Foreign Liquor-1 Shops and Preventive Officers in the case of Toddy Shops", the words "Preventive Officers" shall be substituted;

(x) in sub-rule (36), the words, symbol and figure "provided that this condition will not apply to Foreign Liquor-1 licensees" shall be omitted;

(7) Chapter IX shall be deleted;

(8) in Chapter X, in sub-rule (13), for the words and symbol "Foreign Liquor, Toddy or Cocobrandy" the word "Toddy" shall be substituted;

(9) "FORM No. IV" appended to these rules shall be omitted.

By order of the Governor,

K. R. JYOTHILAL,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The provisions relating to the disposal, license, conditions and functioning of Foreign Liquor-1 (FL1) shops currently included in the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002 have become irrelevant as FL1 shops are no longer disposed of through public auction or allotted to private individuals as previously envisaged in this rule. At present, FL1 licenses are granted exclusively to the Kerala State Beverages (Manufacturing & Marketing) Corporation (KSBC) Limited, Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited and the Kerala State Co-operative Consumer's Federation Limited. Government have decided to grant such licenses on payment of a fixed annual rental of ₹ 4,00,000 (Rupees Four Lakhs only) and to allow such licenses to be renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953. In view of this shift in the method of granting FL1 licenses, the disposal of shops related clauses under the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002 need to be entirely omitted and incorporated appropriately into the Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953. For the above said purpose, the Government have decided to amend the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002 suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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